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Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the Third Committee*

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1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Third Committee held a substantive debate on sub-item (d) jointly with sub-items (b), (c) and (e) at its 33rd to 44th meetings, from 24 to 27 and on 30 October and 1 and 2 November 2000. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/55/SR.33-44).

3. For the documents before the Committee under this sub-item, see A/55/602.

4. At the 33rd meeting, on 24 October, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement (see A/C.3/55/SR.33).

5. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan made introductory statements (see A/C.3/55/SR.33).

6. At the 34th meeting, on 25 October, the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of religious intolerance, the independent expert on the right to development and the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Sudan made introductory statements (see A/C.3/55/SR.34).

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7. At the 35th meeting, on 25 October, the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti, the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Iraq made introductory statements (see A/C.3/55/SR.35).

8. At the 36th meeting, on 26 October, the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, on behalf of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, introduced his report and made an introductory statement (see A/C.3/55/SR.36).

9. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Burundi made introductory statements (see A/C.3/55/SR.36).

10. At the 38th meeting, on 27 October, the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia made an introductory statement (see A/C.3/55/SR.38).

11. At the 42nd meeting, on 1 November, the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Rwanda made introductory statements (see A/C.3/55/SR.42).

12. No proposals were submitted and no action was taken under this sub-item.